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TO : Mr. Lawrence R. Houston

DATE: 29 May 1952

FROM : STAT

SUBJECT: Overseas Duty

1. As a preliminary to specifically answering the questions set forth in your memorandum of 26 May 1952, I will state that my original recruitment interviews, as you doubtless know, were conducted with another and entirely separate part of the Agency. At that time I was informally assured that in the position then under consideration foreign travel would probably not be necessary for as much as five years hence. While I did not specifically consider the five years as a condition precedent to my entering CIA, I did contemplate accepting employment with the idea in mind that it would be perhaps a year and a half at least before foreign service would be necessary. This was based on certain of my home conditions, including three children under the age of six years, the youngest of whom is only nine months. I realize that it is unrealistic to consider holding this office responsible for any commitments, tacit, informal, or otherwise, made with another section of the Agency. Nevertheless, in view of the foregoing, I do not feel in a position to accept foreign duty for about a year and a half.

2. With respect to the choice of a geographic location, I have no particular preference, but for the record, I will state that South America would be desirable.

3. I assume that in view of my short service in the Agency, it would not be desirable to assign me overseas duty until a later date.

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